



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dinkins  
Serial No.: 10/725,678  
Filed: 12/02/2003  
For: Shoe Heel Guard  
Art Unit: 3728  
Examiner: Patterson

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to a first office action with mail date of January 10, 2005, in which the Examiner has rejected claims 3 and 11 under Section 112; claims 1-5, 8-11, 13 and 14 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Allen '271; claims 11-6, 9-13, 16, 18 and 19 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Charles '420; claims 7, 15 and 20 under Section 103(a) as obvious over Charles '420; and claims 8,14 and 17 under Section 103(a) as obvious over Charles '420 in view of Watson '190.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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